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From: Barbery, Andrea
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Subject: FW: Please send Hot Topics for National Governors Association meeting

Hi Linda,

I know I exchanged messages with you about this yesterday, but I wanted to follow up with the Region 3-specific information about the events surrounding the NGA/WGA activities later this month.

●■■■■■■■ **Saturday office hours:** Gov. Tomblin is scheduled to meet w/the Administrator for 20 min. The three topics he requested to speak with her about are:

- EPA's response to the Freedom Industries chemical spill in WV
- Regulation of coal mines
- Air regulation of existing power plants

A short paragraph summarizing the R3/WV perspective for each of these items is all I need for the briefing book!

●■■■■■■■ **Sunday breakfast:** No governors in R3 are WGA members.

●■■■■■■■ **Monday White House visit:** I have no way of knowing which Governors from R3 will be there or who pull Gina aside...which is why I'm asking for super-brief hot topics for all your states. Please keep in mind that the Governors will be much less likely to be able to speak off the tops of their heads about very specific issues (compared to their envi commissioners), which is why we're just looking for a sentence or two. Plus they'll all be so busy anyway!

Also...is there any way you (or I) can track in CMS the letters from Corbett/Markell/Tomblin/O'Malley (nothing yet, from McAuliffe) to Gina, since her confirmation on July 18? I got here in September so I can probably track down the ones since then (via email) but am wondering if there is an easy way to do that in CMS. Or, better, if someone in your office just happens to have a list – that would be ideal!

Hope that helps – let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Andrea

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From: Barbery, Andrea

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Cc: Bowles, Jack

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Hello Regional Intergovernmental Liaisons,

As part of the events related to the upcoming National Governors Association meeting (Feb. 21 - 24), the Administrator has agreed to participate in a number of events, during which she'll have many opportunities to mingle with the governors of your states:

On Saturday, Feb. 22, she will be holding "office hours" at the NGA meeting hotel. 9 governors have signed up to discuss various issues with her. As those topics roll in, I'll be sure to touch base with you (in the respective Regions) to help me pull together some briefing materials. I hope to have topics from the governors' offices no later than Thursday of this week, so please keep an eye out for that.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Administrator will be hosting a breakfast for the Western Governors Association. 13 governors have RSVP'ed, as well as the Secretaries of Energy, Agriculture, and

Interior. This will be a very loose discussion; I have already reached out to the Regions affected – and thanks again, to you, who are pulling together those states' Hot Topics!

On Monday, Feb. 24, the Administrator will be heading over to the White House with the governors to meet with White House staff – and probably do a lot of mingling. It's hard to say who will approach her at this event, but we do want to be prepared, so...

...**Please send a short list of Hot Topics for your states, by Tuesday, Feb. 18.** As there are 56 states and territories, I implore you (on behalf of the Administrator) to keep them brief! Each bullet should be 1-2 sentences, if possible, and only the high-level items that a Governor might bring up. For your reference, here's an example from the last Hot Topics document we prepared:

Arizona

- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Navajo Generating Station: The close of the public comment period on NGS is Jan. 6, 2014. Governor Brewer sent a letter to the Administrator on Oct. 21 supporting the TWG Alternative.
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Arizona Regional Haze: Region 9 will propose the second Regional Haze FIP for Arizona on Jan. 27, 2014. ADEQ previously challenged EPA's regional haze actions in Arizona.
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Phoenix 5% Plan: Region 9 will propose action on the Phoenix 5% PM-10 Plan on Jan. 14, 2014.
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ South Mountain Freeway DEIS – Adverse Rating: In July 2013, Region 9 provided an adverse rating of the South Mountain Freeway Draft EIS. The Region is coordinating with FHWA Arizona Division on analysis of the document.
- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Rosemont Copper Mine Project: EPA Review of NEPA and CWA 404 for Rosemont Copper Mine Project. EPA is reviewing the Rosemont Copper Mine Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, which was posted online by the U.S. Forest Service on Nov. 29.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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